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From the Dean

This issue reports on Commencement 1990 and on YSN Alumnae/i Weekend 1990, both of which are marker events in the academic calendar — perfectly positioned to give us perspective on what was and what comes next! Both of these events were the last ceremonial events to take place in the “old” School. We have now relocated to the Grace Building, 25 Park Street, our temporary quarters while plans for the new building get underway. These events also marked the end of my first term as Dean and the beginning of my second term. As we enter the 1990’s we have a clear view toward the 21st Century and it looks like an exciting decade for YSN!

There is nothing like planning for a new building to remind us that there is a community outside the walls of YSN and that we are only as relevant as we are responsive to community needs. In a very real sense we have rededicated ourselves to the community through recent initiatives and through a major reconceptualization of registration/orientation week at YSN. Our new programs in home care, gerontology, and diabetes all require that we look to the community as teacher and shaper of our practice. This year we extended our orientation period from one day to four days and included an orientation to YSN, Yale, and the New Haven Community with detailed presentations by University and community representatives. We also concentrated on building a sense of community at YSN as we all look ahead to the many challenges facing us in the next decade. I believe all members of the immediate YSN family (faculty, staff, and students) as well as extended members (alumnae/i) stand ready to address the short-term challenges as well as our long-term future.

In the short-term, we will face a National League for Nursing accreditation review, a University review of our proposed doctoral program (in the context of current programs and finances), planning a new building, and getting ready for our part in a major University capital campaign. In the long-term we will do what we always do — push forward the boundaries of nursing thought and practice through the thought and action of our alumnae/i, faculty, and students!

Judy Krauss



Commencement hostesses Ruth DeLoatch and Marvel Davis, YUSNAA board members

Commencement 1990

This year's YSN commencement was filled with a few surprises, time-honored traditions, and the establishment of what the YUSNAA hopes will become a tradition. The Monday, May 28 event was once again held at the Yale golf course where 23 certificates in nursing and 78 Master of Science in Nursing degrees were conferred. Faculty Marshal Donna Diers and Student Marshals Richard Champoux and Elizabeth Francis Gunhus lead the procession on what was a picture perfect day. Dean Judith Krauss presided over the ceremony and her remarks set the tone for a festive yet elegant afternoon.

YUSNAA officers and members were active participants in this year's ceremony. In addition to Elizabeth Barnett '48, Marvel Davis '70, Ruth DeLoatch '80, and Karina Courtmanche '88 serving as hostesses for the day's festivities, YUSNAA President Marvel Davis presented each graduate with a YSN pin on behalf of the Alumnae/i organization. The YUSNAA hopes that the pin presentation will become part of the commencement tradition and help bridge the student to alumnae/i transition.

The Three-Year Program Class of 1990 presented Dr. Jim Fain with a special award. The class believed

that as Chairperson of the Three-Year Program, Jim not only guided them through their first year but remained available, supportive, and always willing to help them no matter which speciality they entered. Jim was presented with a plaque that reads:

**To Jim Fain,
Our heartfelt gratitude for your
continued dedication, unwavering
support and open door policy.**

**Three Year Program
Class of 1990
Yale University School of Nursing**



"A glorious procession"



"Friends and families"

Marietta Losasso presented the 1990 Annie Goodrich Recognition Award to the faculty person that graduating class members believed best exemplified the standards of excellence in nursing education as set by Annie Goodrich. This year's recipient was Marjorie Funk:

Marjorie Funk, R.N., M.S.N.

She has a special affinity for balloons — the hot air variety; the tacky plastic crystal balls with artificial snow, collected from cities all over the world; and the intraaortic variety. With a strong commitment to clinical practice, research, teaching, and mentorship, she truly personifies the spirit of excellence that the Annie Goodrich Award represents. Her groundbreaking research on the side effects of the intraaortic balloon pump have redefined care in an age of high technology. Through her role as principal investigator on her research projects, she has served as mentor for those students who have been fortunate enough to work with her. Her teaching skills are unmatched and her extensive research and publication record are awe inspiring, especially when one learns that she manages her Yale University School of Nursing faculty responsibilities while enrolled as a fulltime doctoral student in Yale's Ph.D. program in Epidemiology and Public Health. Despite her many professional commitments and activities in the area of critical care and cardiac nursing, she is always available to students. She is at once demanding and enabling of excellence. A woman who collects tacky memorabilia, plastic cows, and amateur golf trophies can't be all that unapproachable! These very qualities of approachability, accessibility, and human spirit inspire students to reach for the academic excellence which she has already attained. The graduating class, together with the entire student body, proudly presents the 1990 Annie Goodrich Award to Marjorie Funk, R.N., M.S.N.

Two students were recognized for their outstanding work while at YSN. Mary Yursha Johnston re-

ceived the 1990 Milton and Anne Sidney Prize in recognition for the thesis work that best exemplifies the School's commitment to clinical research and its mission to contribute to better health care through systematic study of the nature and effect of nursing. Ann Elizabeth Kurth was awarded the Charles King Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize for demonstrating outstanding intellectual and clinical progress while at YSN and substantial growth in scholarship and clinical practice:

Mary Yursha Johnston

Her master's thesis stands as testimony to this scholar-clinician and to the essence of nursing practice. From the conceptualization of the problem to the interpretation of results, she demonstrated a sensitivity to patients and a commitment to study problems which make a difference to patient care. Hope is an illusive phenomenon believed by many to be the life-sustaining ingredient in the care of critically or terminally ill patients. Yet, its illusiveness relegates it to the "soft" area of clinical judgment and nursing practice. Much has been written about what nurses and other health care professionals see as hope promoting behaviors. Her study took us past the realm of belief toward a thoughtful and in-depth understanding of what, from a patient's point of view, nurses do to instill hope when patients are critically ill. By talking with and listening to patients, she learned that hope is inspired, above all, by accessible and competent nursing care — skill in managing frightening technology, relieving pain, monitoring the patient's changing condition, and honest appraisals and explanations of care. Her study demonstrated that nursing is a complex scientific and human discipline which has measurable effects on clinical outcome, adaptation and coping with life threatening illness.

The Yale University School of Nursing is proud to name Mary Yursha Johnston the 1990 recipient of the Milton and Anne Sidney Prize for excellence in clinical research.



Marjorie Funk



Mary Yursha Johnston '90



Ann Elizabeth Kurth '90

Ann Elizabeth Kurth

In her admission application essay, she said, "I have a passionate desire to make myself useful," learned perhaps from an extraordinary family. Long before she came to Yale, she set about the task of being useful, committing her incredible energies to people in Africa and Central America. Nothing seems to stand in her way: no money for the things she dedicates herself to? Write grants, get the money. No help? Conscript others. No data? Gather some. No public recognition of the cause? Publicize it. Her work in her most recently adopted city, New Haven, has brought her deserved public recognition as she tackled the problem of AIDS in her community, a clinical and public health issue to which she brings her personal and intellectual power. All of this is beyond her degree requirements, and much of it is unknown to other than her faculty and friends. Her mostly "honors" performance in class and clinical work alone would qualify her for this prize. Not only does she stretch herself in community service, but, in the rarefied atmospheres of Princeton, Columbia, and now Yale, she has seized the opportunities — to learn, to think, to make new

concepts, to write, publish and sensitize, and always and ever, to make a difference.

The Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize for 1990 is bestowed with admiration to Ann Elizabeth Kurth.

What YSN graduation would be complete without the presentation of the Class Gift? This year's presentation by Rose Marie Zmyslinski again demonstrates the special and unique significance of this YSN tradition:

On behalf of the Class of 1990, I present this gift to the Yale School of Nursing. This gift is our legacy to YSN and will be a permanent symbol of our achievements. In past years, graduating classes have contributed class gifts which have recognized the *Science* of Nursing. This year, the Class of 1990 acknowledges the *Art* of Nursing with this brass sculpture entitled 'Joyous Healings.'

The intricate pattern of brass in this sculpture is symbolic of the many ways to describe nursing. Each element of the sculpture is distinct and separate. Yet, each intertwines to create a unified whole. Like the elements in our scul-

ture, each nursing specialty is distinct and uses its own skills and tools.

Despite the differences in technology, **Caring** remains the unifying concept.

The interwoven brass also represents the complex network of friends and colleagues which each of us has shaped out of the YSN community. It hasn't been easy. But, the struggle has made us stronger and has forged the bonds of these relationships. We have made sacrifices, and many of you here today have shared in this struggle. I'm pleased that today we are together to share the joy of our achievements.

There is one individual whom we wish to single out for his very tangible support. Mr. Harold Harris has generously accepted a mere token payment for this superb brass sculpture which he has created. Mr. Harris has a very special connection to YSN since his daughter, Kate Young, is a member of our graduating class.

The class of 1990 presents this sculpture 'Joyous Healings' to the YSN community with the hope that it will forever capture the changing contexts of caring — which is the essence of Nursing. 'Joyous Healings' will remain a permanent reminder that Nursing is indeed both a Science and Art.



Kathryn Harris Young '90 and Harold Harris

Commencement Address

Dean Judith B. Krauss

May 28, 1990

All commencements are unique and nostalgic events. This one, though, is a landmark event. As the graduates and assembled faculty know, the Yale School of Nursing will be relocating to temporary renovated quarters in July. The University has commissioned the architectural firm of Williams and Tsien to design a new and expanded building for the School to be completed over the next three years. So, this graduating class has the distinction of being the last to graduate from the current School. It also has the distinction, doubtless only in my mind, of marking the fifth and final year of my first term as Dean. I remember the first commencement over which I had the privilege to preside. It was in the School of Nursing parking lot, our tent gaily planted in the melting macadam, our ceremony overseen by the silent, towering bricks and mortar of Yale-New Haven Hospital . . . how fitting that we now find ourselves conducting our commencement ritual on these lush, aristocratic fairways under open skies that are a far more suitable receptacle for our visions of the future. My first year as Dean was Bart Giamatti's last as President of Yale University. The fact that we are the only School at Yale that holds its commencement exercises on the University's playing fields reminds me of Bart. Now, golf was not his game — baseball was — but he said something about baseball in the Epilogue of his book "Take Time for Paradise" that captures the essence of this commencement on this golf course. He said, "I believe we cherish as Americans a game wherein freedom and reunion are both possible. (Sounds like commencement to me!) Baseball fulfills the promise America made to itself to cherish the individual while recognizing the overarching claims of the group. You are all here today with your individual achievements, yet we cele-

brate you as a group. It sends its players out in order to return again, allowing all the freedom to accomplish great things in a dangerous world. (We have sent you out repeatedly into that dangerous world, confident that you would transform it and bring honor back to us.) So, baseball restates a version of America's promises every time it is played. The playing of the game (like the ritual of the commencement) is a restatement of the promises that we can all be free, that we can all succeed."

This class has certainly had its share of successes. One among you recently received the Elm-Ivy award, Yale and New Haven's most distinguished award to recognize lasting contributions to the health and prosperity of the city of New Haven. Many of you were awarded a variety of scholarships in recognition of your achievements in your specialty fields. Several of you have been commissioned into the National Health Services Corps where you will care for the underserved. Through participation in your clinical practica alone you have encountered poverty, homelessness, AIDS, serious mental illness, and the sequelae of disease and its treatment. In many instances, it is because of you that we are able to run health clinics for the homeless, or evening primary care clinics for children and their families, or the Young Mothers Program. No one will ever fully appreciate your individual or collective achievements and I cannot possibly pay personal homage to each of the 78 members of the graduating class. You have balanced your professional and personal lives with aplomb, keeping long clinical hours, meeting the rigorous academic demands of the faculty, working, paying occasional attention to your personal lives, and helping to weave the fabric that is YSN. You are graduating from a School which is world renowned for its clinical scholarship. Indeed two members of your class very recently reminded the nation of our excellence by walking away with the award for Best Scientific Paper

given in recognition of achievement and contributions to Nurse-Midwifery Education and Practice through Research at the 35th annual Convention of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Mind you, these were two graduate students, master's candidates, whose paper was selected from among papers written by seasoned scholars and doctorally prepared nurse researchers. And others among you have already experienced the thrill of being published.

Of course there are the more mundane but no less interesting achievements of the class. Some of these achievements are so notable that I will attach names. Catherine Ford has the distinction of being the first in your class to hand in three bound copies of the thesis. Cheryl Fattibene was last — precisely ten minutes past the deadline according to Heide Miller. The shortest thesis was submitted by Pam Townshend with 29 pages (nine of which were appendices and bibliography). The longest was a tough call. Technically, that distinction goes to Margie Hutchison and Anne Kurth with 204 pages; but, they did a joint thesis which means that each can claim only 102 pages. So, the honor goes to Carol Menz with 186 pages. Rumor has it that Rich Champoux would have won hands down, except one of his advisors began editing with the goal of getting Rich to graduation, so he pulls in second place with 179 pages.

One of you sent your thesis federal express from another country, with instructions to the librarian to "get them signed." When she tracked down the second advisor for her signature the advisor asked, "Who is this person? I don't think I ever saw her?" — but she signed nonetheless.

Another among you goes on in glowing terms in the acknowledgements about your advisor — repeatedly misspelling his name. And finally, I'm told that one of you handed in your thesis on time, beautifully done, signed, sealed, and delivered and sat down in front of Heide Miller's desk to ask, "Now,

what do I do?" Heide's advice — go forth and nurse!

We all have personal favorites. I brought mine to show you. It's the first time in the history of my 20 years on the faculty that someone has presented me with a bound copy of their thesis in Dartmouth green with the final chapter printed upside down!

Whatever your achievements have been over the past two to four years, you have all engaged in a process of personal and professional discovery which has pushed forward the boundaries of the discipline of nursing. The greatest medical and technical discoveries often originate in the great universities of the world. They are celebrated as single point in time discoveries — a kind of Eureka experience — that actually culminate in a series of quieter, often unnoticed discoveries in care which may explain the successful outcome of the original breakthrough. Recent discoveries in organ transplantation offer an excellent illustration. While one would not discredit the importance of the discoveries of immunosuppressing drugs and the actual surgical techniques involved in transplantation, one must make more visible the nursing care discoveries associated with these technologic advances: management of mouth sores caused by immunosuppression; maintaining nutrition in creative ways; recognizing the subtle pre-clinical signs of organ rejection; fostering the patient's new "self-view" and adjustment to a new heart, or liver, or lung; facilitating family adjustment. The time could not be more right to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions that professional nursing makes to discovery and to celebrate its rightful place in the great universities of the world.

In a publication which Donna Diers and I co-authored in 1983 we had this to say about schools of nursing in academic institutions. They are wholly a 20th Century phenomena, and they all share one thing in common — they are professional schools. Professional schools unlike departments of liberal arts or

sciences, cannot be content with the pursuit of knowledge for knowledge's sake. And so, they keep the universities in touch with the world. The professional schools are the sallyports of the university. We link the medieval castle of the university to the people and community beyond the moat. A university without sallyports becomes a monastery of contemplative peace unable to fulfill its missions.

So, universities need schools of nursing. The nursing school exists at the interface of the university and non-university world. It allows the outside world to stimulate and exemplify art and science while extending and applying the knowledge of the university.

And, schools of nursing need universities to infuse them with knowledge from the fields that feed our values of justice, truth, and altruism — philosophy, the behavioral and physical sciences, literature, language — so that we might transport them across the sallyport where they become transformed into concepts of care.

The Yale School of Nursing claims as its mission, "To develop nursing leaders who will shape the health care system of the future in order to improve the quality of care and access to care for all people." The mission statement goes on to define the teaching, clinical and scholarship enterprises necessary to attain that goal. It has served us for over a decade and was ratified again this year by faculty and students on the Executive Committee. It serves us well because it reflects a shared vision of future reality; it is just beyond our grasp, inspiring in its attainment excellence and creativity in our faculty, students, and graduates; it is outwardly rather than inwardly directed and targets the care itself, the recipients of care and the systems of care; and it demands that we use all of the resources of the University and the community at large.

You have all been prepared as specialists in your fields — nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, and clinical specialists. What unifies you is that Yale has taken time to pre-

pare you to enter into caring relationships and to study the nature and effect of nursing care practices, so that you might better control the environments in which care takes place. Reverby has suggested that nursing must forge a unity of altruism and autonomy in order to give caring new value in our lives. You will leave here ready to labor in the unplowed fields of care. It is difficult work, often unheralded.

A friend recently shared with me a poem of Greek mythology entitled the Labors of Thor. I pass it along to you, retitled, the Labors of Care. Care traveled far to present herself to the Ice Kings. And the Ice Kings tested her, challenging her to drink from the great horn cup, which she did, long and deep only to lower its contents one inch. The Ice Kings then invited her to lift the great cat and she could barely lift one limp paw. And, they introduced her to an old hag and challenged her to wrestle the hag to the ground. Care could barely manage the struggle, but finally brought the woman to her knees. Care, who had thought herself well accomplished, went home in shame, believing herself a pushover faking greatness along a tawdry string of misadventures.

Meanwhile, the Ice Kings trembled in their chairs.

But, not from the cold — they had seen Care hoist high

The great horn cup that ends deep in the ocean

And lower all seven seas by her own stature.

They had seen her budge the Cat of the World and heft

the pillar of one paw, the whole north corner;

They had seen a mere woman wrestle with Death herself and match her knee for knee, grunting like thunder.

Indeed, the Ice Kings trembled in awe.

Don't underestimate your capacity to care; nor the influence that care will have on those you touch. And, in the words of Heide Miller, go forth and nurse!

Alumnae/i Weekend

Excellent! Superb reactor panel! Enlightening! Interesting, provocative and thoughtful! Timely, informative and stimulating! This feedback leads one to assume that the 1990 Alumnae/i Weekend participants were pleased with the June 7-9 program. Based on the smiles seen in the photos you have to believe that they also had a pretty good time! The YUSNAA Board chose "Empowering the Nurse as a Practitioner" as the theme for the weekend and co-chairs Ruth DeLoatch '82 and Joan Dreyfus '82 lead the planning for what was to become a memorable event.

The Thursday evening picnic supper was again held at Saybrook College. It was followed by a presentation and slides on the Latvian experience, "Empowering the Soviet Nurse through Educational Exchange," given by Dee Coover and Donna Young.

With the poignant remarks of her Keynote address Rhetaugh Dumas, RN, PhD, FAAN, Dean and Professor, University of Michigan School of Nursing, set the tone for an inspiring Friday. The *Yale Nurse* is very grateful to Dr. Dumas for allowing us to reprint her presentation. The audience was then treated to a diverse and dynamic reactor panel composed of Leon Rosenberg, MD, Dean, Yale University School of Medicine; Sarah Cohn, MSN, JD, Associate Counsel, Medical Affairs, Yale-New Haven Hospital; Martha Mitchell, RN, MSN, Associate Director of CT Mental Health Center; and Lucille Joel, RN, EdD, FAAN, President of the American Nurses' Association. Afternoon presentations included seminars on "Prescriptive Authority and the Legislative Process" and "Models of Advanced Practice."

The Friday evening banquet was highlighted by the presentation of Distinguished Alumnae/i Awards to four of YSN's finest. One of the recipients, Sofia Pincheira de Ehrenberg '32 came to New Haven from Chile for the Weekend. We feel particularly pleased to print a portion of her accepting remarks:



"Meeting friends"



"Colleagues across disciplines"

Ms. President, Dean of the School of Nursing, honored guests, and fellow members of the class of 1932. Ladies and gentleman, it is a pleasure and a very great honor to have been selected to receive the "Distinguished Alumna Award" by the Yale School of Nursing Alumnae Association, which brings me back today to my very dear Alma Mater.

Throughout my professional career I have had many stimulating responsibilities and experiences. I had the privilege to be the first Chilean to study nursing outside the country — through the Latin American Fellowship, granted

by the American Association of University Women.

My first experience in the United States was at Columbia University, where I was enrolled in the Health Education Department because, according to my qualifications, I could not be recognized as a nurse. In fact, I had only one academic year in Public Health Nursing, a course set up by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Chile.

Originally, I was a third year student at the School of Medicine at the University of Chile. I decided to leave the medical school when the government

asked the young people of the country to help in reducing the high infant mortal-ity rate — one of the highest in the world at the time.

At the end of my first year at Colum-bia University, I realized that it was absolutely necessary to have full nurs-ing training in the United States. On the advice of Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Chief of the Nursing department of Teachers College, I applied to Yale School of Nursing in 1930.

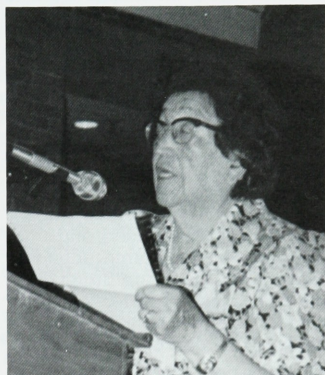
I have accomplished much in all these years since graduating from this world renowned University and its School of Nursing, but, I don't want to tire you with too many details. In all these enter-prises, in good and bad times, my mind has turned for inspiration and strength to the days spent at Yale School of Nurs-ing, the outstanding teaching of our professors and our dean, Miss Annie W. Goodrich, along with the excellence in the care of patients and families, and the spirit of my fellow class mates. All of these rich experiences have been a con-stant stimulation throughout my profes-sional life.

However, sometimes the burden of my responsibilities seemed too heavy for one person to carry practically alone. But my remembrance of the words dis-played on our way to commencement in 1932 — "for the sake of God, the coun-try and Yale" has always been with me as an inspiration, and it has also moti-vated me to come from my country — Chile — to be with you tonight, and give all of you my everlasting thanks for your generous recognition of my efforts.



"Friday Banquet"

Distinguished Alumna Award Recipients



Sofia Pincheira de Ehrenberg

She chose to attend the School of Public Health Nursing in Chile after finishing two years of medical school because she wanted to im-prove the sanitary conditions and the health of the people. She was determined to change the high rate of infant and maternal mortality and morbidity due to tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. She must have been an impressive stu-dent! Upon graduating in 1927 she served as chief nurse of the Public Health Bureau in that country.

In 1929 she was awarded a fellow-ship to study nursing in the United States. After spending a year at an-other unnamed school of nursing in New York, she applied to Yale where she knew she would receive a more substantial nursing educa-tion.

Since returning to Chile, her life has been dedicated to improving the health conditions and expand-ing nursing education in South America. Through participation in the College of Nursing, a profes-sional nursing organization, she has

given shape to the practice of pro-fessional nursing.

Her wisdom, dedication, strong will and character have helped to forge a professional nursing system in Chile and abroad.



Helena T. McDonough

On behalf of both her patients and her profession, she has been a political advocate in overcoming ob-stacles to nurse-midwifery practice in the state of Massachusetts. Over the last fifteen years consumer and professional groups have been the beneficiaries of her time and energy, as she edu-cates them about nurse-midwifery and the empowerment of women as providers and consumers of health care.

Through her role as preceptor and teacher she has equipped grad-uate students with clinical and po-litical skills, ensuring a legacy of effective participation by nurses in forums which set standards of prac-tice by certified nurse-midwives.

Her tenacity and dedication in the political and legislative arenas have had far reaching effects on the practice of midwifery, third party reimbursement, and the empowerment of nurses to practice in her home state.



Shirley A. Girouard

Legislator, lobbyist, nurse politician, consultant, lecturer, and clinical nurse specialist are just a few of the roles in which she excels.

Since her student days at YSN, her talents as a nurse leader and nurse politician have been very evident. She was one of a group of four students who helped launch the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program.

Firsts seem to suit her style. As a novice researcher, she was one of the very few to implement an experimental design to test the role of the clinical specialist. The findings were presented at The Royal College of Nursing in London, England and published in the *International Journal of Nursing Studies*.

She was one of the first clinical nurse specialists at the Dartmouth Medical Center — Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. She played an active part in developing the role of the clinical specialist and her contributions to that clinical area are highly respected and widely published.

It was merely a matter of time be-

fore she gravitated to New Hampshire in politics at the state and local level. From Representative in the state legislature to City Councilor in Lebanon, New Hampshire, she moved nursing into the realm of politics and policy.

Given her commitment to clinical practice and her solid grounding in the strategies of the change agent, it was a natural choice for her to pursue doctoral studies at the Heller School at Brandeis University. And, to those who know her it was no surprise that she rose swiftly as a major figure and author in health policy.

Recipient of the *American Journal of Nursing* Writing Award, the Leadership Award from the New Hampshire Nurses' Association, and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, it is now most fitting that the Yale University School of Nursing welcome her home and honor Shirley A. Girouard, Class of 1977.



Alice M. Forman

The world has been her stage for the practice of nursing. She has become nationally and internationally known for her influence on the health conditions and life prospects of people around the globe. Be it Alabama, Africa, India, or Turkey, she has skillfully overcome language and cultural barriers to care as she has transformed the health care sys-

tem to be more responsive to those it serves.

Consultant and confidant to health ministers in Turkey, educators in India, public health officials in Alabama, she has always kept the health of the people out front as her mission. She has done what it takes to establish nursing education programs, health programs for mothers and infants, and basic health services for the underserved. "What it takes" has included the completion of two nurse-midwifery programs in Scotland and the United States, the MPH at Johns Hopkins, the MSN at Yale, living in Indian villages, and consorting with the likes of Lady Mountbatten.

As a member of the Johns Hopkins faculty and the only nurse on the international team she has developed countless teaching programs for U.S. and foreign students and has furthered the cause of nursing practice and education throughout the world, even while implementing maternal child health programs that were known across the disciplines. Many a student and international visitor remember not only her wise counsel but her gracious hospitality, as her home was always a miniature United Nations.

Over her long career, her contributions to YSN and to nursing have been well beyond normal expectations. In retirement, she continues with her interests in community services through volunteer work with an agency that provides counseling to the over-60 population. Ever the student, she recently completed course work to improve her capacity to provide financial counseling to help families deal with debt and consumer problems.

Nurse, researcher, author, consultant, and confidant to many throughout the world, she has made wide and diverse contributions to her profession.

Alumnae/i Affairs

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, YUSNAA

June 9, 1990

The annual meeting of the Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association was called to order by Marvel Davis, President. Minutes of the meeting will be approved by the Board and published in the Fall issue of the *Yale Nurse*.

Marvel Davis thanked Joan Dreyfus and Ruth DeLoatch, Co-chairpersons of this year's Alumnae/i Weekend, and Barbara Reif, Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs, for their contributions to a very successful event.

Barb Reif announced that Continuing Education Certificates would be available at the end of the morning's program and she also requested that participant evaluation forms be completed and placed in a labeled box outside of Room 1.

In Liz Johnson's absence, Marvel Davis asked that Gretchen Mosman read the Nominating Committee's report. Liz, this year's Chairperson, thanked the Committee members and the Board for their help. She also expressed appreciation to outgoing members of the Board for their ongoing efforts and support — Kim Weigel '86, Andree deLisser '79, V.V. Yordon '51, and Pam Driscoll '81.

The slate of officers for 1990-91 was presented and approved by the membership:

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Marvel Davis '70

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Karina Courtmanche '88

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Pamela Driscoll '81

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Antoinette Tyndall '79

Vicki Wirth '76

Andree deLisser gave a report on the function and activities of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA). She noted that many Yale alums are not aware that there is a School of Nursing and that recent contributions by YSN alums, such as Sandy Bialos '71 are helping to increase our visibility. Sandy has done a superb job as Chairperson of AYA. Andree noted that Mary Colwell actively supported AYA activities and contributed articles to the *Blueprint*, AYA's newsletter. Andree also noted that Maureen O'Keefe has just been appointed Delegate-at-Large.

Justine Glassman '51 gave the Alumnae/i Fund report in Mary Jane Kennedy's absence. She stated that fund raising this year got off to a slow start, only 36% participation by March with an increase to 44% in April. To date, we have reached 50% and it is hoped that we will at least tie last year's mark of 54%. Dollar amount contributed at the time of the report was approximately \$145,000 with a goal of surpassing last year's total of \$171,794. The good news is that YSN tops the chart for exceptional participation among all of Yale's graduate and professional schools.

Judy Krauss reported that funds are being used for student scholarships, Alumnae/i Affairs operations (Current Use Funds), and the purchase of YSN pins for graduating students. Judy noted that Marvel Davis had presented the pins for the first time at the recent 1990 graduation ceremony with a note of congratulations from the YUSNAA Board. It is hoped that a plan to follow up the presentation with several letters to new graduates will remind them of their connection with YSN and will serve as a useful strategy to encourage alumnae/i

participation on the Board and in contributing to the Alumni Fund. Judy described the pins that are available and in response to a question about the possibility of purchasing "recycled" pins, suggested that anyone interested contact Barb Reif. In Pam Driscoll's absence Judy Krauss reported that we had reached \$48,000 in our 1990 Reunion Scholarship Fund drive, only \$2,000 short of our goal. The Reunion Scholarship is a five year commitment to challenge all reunion year classes to raise \$50,000 which is separate from and in addition to the current use monies routinely raised by alumnae/i donations. The University manages the endowment funds which are restricted gifts and thereby protected.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded (from taped cassette):

Denise Shultis,

Sr. Administrative Assistant

Barbara Reif

Director of Student/Alumnae/i Affairs

Funds for Uganda

Charlotte Houde-Quimby '72 and Mary Lee Mantz '69, will spend the next two years in Uganda. Quimby, former director of Nurse-Midwifery at Dartmouth, and Mantz, leaving a private practice on Cape Cod, will be developing the first BSN Program in Uganda. As part of this project Case Western Reserve University has obtained over four hundred donated text books. Funds are now needed for shipping costs (\$10,000.00). Any donations for this cause will be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, mark checks Uganda Book Drive, and mail to Dr. Claire Andrews, Case Western Reserve, School of Nursing, 2040 Adelbert Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Faculty Notes

Judith B. Krauss Reappointed as Dean

Yale President Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. recently announced that Judith B. Krauss has been reappointed as Dean of the School of Nursing from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1995. In his announcement President Schmidt stated, "The School of Nursing has benefited greatly from Dean Krauss's leadership. The next few years will be a particularly exciting time for the Nursing School community as it embarks on an ambitious building program, and I believe that the School is fortunate indeed to have Dean Krauss at its helm during this period of change."

The accomplishments of Dean Krauss since her 1985 appointment are impressive indeed. One of her goals — that of increasing research and classroom space — has been fulfilled "beyond all expectation" with the approval of construction of a new building with nearly double the square footage of the former building. Judy has also succeeded in establishing the Annie Goodrich endowed professorship and increasing student aid. Nearly half a million dollars in new funding from outside organizations has been raised since

1985 and contributions from the Nursing School alumnae/i have more than doubled. One of Judy's major missions over the last five years, the creation of a "core curriculum," has been realized, as well as programs of study in gerontology, home health care, and diabetes. Judy states that, "These initiatives have been developed in response to arising health care needs in the nation."

Among the things Dean Krauss hopes to accomplish during her second term is the creation of a doctoral program at the School of Nursing, as well as the strengthening of the ties between the nursing, medical, and public health programs available at Yale. "In the next five years I would like to see Yale become known as one of the centers for excellence in multidisciplinary approaches to health care," states Dean Krauss, who adds that the last era in health care demonstrated "absolutely convincingly" that increased cooperation among the various health care professions is vital to promoting the health of the nation's people. She expressed hope

that nursing, medicine, and public health can be leaders in defining the nature of multidisciplinary education and multidisciplinary practice.

Gerontological Nursing Specialty Receives Funding

Yale School of Nursing has been awarded two major grants totalling over a million dollars to expand the teaching and clinical aspects of the new Gerontological Nursing Specialty. The Kellogg Foundation has funded a new program, under the direction of Terry Fulmer, Ph.D., R.N., with Dorothy Baker, M.S.N., and Phyllis Pallett, Ph.D., R.N., to help at-risk elderly maintain independent living through a partnership with acute care nurses, visiting nurses, and interfaith volunteer caregivers. The second award from the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions at DHHS, is a training grant supporting advanced education in gerontological nursing.

Donna Diers Appointed to Endowed Post

Donna Diers has been appointed the Annie W. Goodrich Professor of Nursing by Yale President Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. The chair, named in honor of Yale School of Nursing's first Dean, was established through contributions from nursing alumnae/i and is the first endowed chair at the School.

A former Dean at the School of Nursing, Professor Diers earned her BSN in 1960 from the University of Denver and her MSN in 1964 from Yale. She was appointed an instructor in psychiatric nursing at Yale in 1964, was named assistant professor in 1967, associate professor in 1970, and professor in 1979. She also chaired the Program in Nursing Research from 1969 to 1972.

In 1972 she was appointed the

sixth dean of the School of Nursing, the youngest person to hold that post. During her term as dean, the School expanded its professional programs in nursing practice and research and more than tripled its enrollment. She stepped down in 1985 to pursue her research and academic interests. She currently teaches nursing, policy, and management at the School of Nursing and has been affiliated with the Institution for Social and Policy Studies since 1976.

Professor Diers is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering and is a member of the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine.



Donna Diers

Class News

Dorothy Ingraham '35 has been retired for a number of years and lives at Asbury Acres in Maryville, TN. Gardening is one of her special interests and she enjoys a beautiful view of the Smokey Mountains from her home. She writes that, "I would be glad to hear from any of you, though I am not a very good correspondent."

Marjorie Morse Crunden '37, recently moved to Boulder, Colorado with her daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and pets. After living abroad for many years she looks forward to the convenience of American shopping, renewed contact with distant friends, and the comfort of living on one level.

Mary Ellen Oesterle Haw '45W, and her husband moved from Minnesota to Florida following his retirement. Their one daughter now lives in California with her two children. The Haws are enjoying traveling, especially with Elderhostal programs abroad, golf, swimming, and gardening. Mary Ellen is a regular volunteer at the Women's Center in Stuart, Florida.

Cynthia Cavell O'Beirne '52, recently visited with one of her four daughters on a working vacation in Sydney, Australia. She continues to work on a psychogeriatric unit but is considering retirement.

Gordon Sawatzky '55, and his wife are immensely enjoying retirement and living in Colorado. They are active in community volunteer programs such as Meals on Wheels, doing grocery shopping for homebound individuals and serving on Advisory Boards for several community Agencies. Last summer they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise-tour of the Yukon and Southeastern Alaska. They have also made several long automobile trips and always enjoy visiting their five grandsons and one granddaughter. Their eldest daughter Stephany now lives in Washington with her husband and two sons. Younger

daughter Cathy, her husband and four children are living in Colorado.

Madalon O'Rawe Amenta '56, DPH, Associate Professor of Nursing at the Pennsylvania State University, McKeesport Campus, was recently named Editor of *The Hospice Journal*. This quarterly publication is the official journal of the National Hospice Organization.

Patricia Thomas Becker '56, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing has completed a joint research project with Meriter/Madison General Hospital staff. The study was aimed at addressing infant stress in the NICU. Dr. Becker found that nurses can help reduce infant stress and have them leave the hospital healthier and sooner, by simple changes in the environment of the unit and the routine care provided there.

Angela Barron McBride '64, PhD, Associate Dean for Research at the Indiana University School of Nursing, was recently the recipient of the Indiana University School of Nursing Honorary Alumnus Award. Dr. McBride was credited for bringing national recognition to the School through her numerous contributions to psychiatric mental health nursing and to the worldwide nursing community through her extensive contributions to Sigma Theta Tau International.

Jean Johnson '65, PhD, Professor at the University of Rochester, has received the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Award for Recognition and Achievement at the ACS's 1989 National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research. Dr. Johnson who is also the Associate Director of Oncology Nursing at the Rochester Cancer Center and School of Nursing and a scientific advisor to *Oncology Nursing Forum* was honored for her research with people who are experiencing stressful situations.

Anita Ward Finkelman '71, has established a consulting and pub-

lishing company, Resources for Excellence. The company's initial focus is on providing quality training material and consultation for psychiatric hospitals and hospitals with psychiatric units. Anita has also recently published a text for Aspen, Inc. entitled *Quality Assurance for Psychiatric Nursing*.

Margaret Grey '76, DrPH, Assistant Professor and Director of the Primary Care Graduate Program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, received the 1990 Distinguished Fellow Award of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners. This prestigious award recognized Dr. Grey's outstanding contributions to child health care and the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner. Dr. Grey's research and clinical work has focused on the adaptation of children with chronic illness. Most recently she studied the psychological effects of children with diabetes and how patient outcomes are changed by an ability to cope with illness.

Jill M. Strawn '77, Director of Agency Outreach for Community Health Education Project, recently published, "Complimentary Therapies: Maximizing the Mind-Body Connection," in *Comfort in Caring: Nursing the Person with HIV Infection* by Meisenhelder and LaCharite (1989). Jill was also the editor of an article entitled "Healing AIDS" in the August 1989 issue of *Holistic Nursing Practice*. In addition, she gave two presentations at the First Annual NADR National Meeting (National Institute on Drug Abuse). Jill co-chaired the Third National Conference on Nursing and AIDS in New Orleans where she gave a plenary talk on complementary therapies in HIV Infection and received the 1989 National AIDS Nursing Recognition Award.

Debi Welch-McCaffrey '79, Oncology Nurse Specialist at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon, recently presented at two International Conferences. In

June, she presented at the Sixth International Congress on Breast Diseases in Boston on her nurse directed clinic for post-mastectomy patients and in August she presented a keynote lecture on cancer in the elderly at the Sixth International Conference on Cancer Nursing in Amsterdam. Debi was also the first nurse awarded the Charlotte Johnson Barrett Lectureship on psychosocial oncology at the Charles Sammons Cancer Center at Baylor University this year. She has also recently co-authored a chapter on psychosocial dimensions of surviving cancer in the text, *Principles and Practices of Cancer Nursing* (2nd edition), 1990.

Jody Gross '80, a principal with Esparza Oncology Consultants, Inc. recently announced the opening of the company's new offices in San Antonio, Texas. The consultants offer support to clients in all phases of cancer program operations, including development of clinical operations, strategic planning, and feasibility studies for new and existing cancer programs.

Jane M. Fall '81, began employment as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at the newly created Cancer Institute, Washington Hospital Center, under the direction of Dr. Paul H. Sugasbaheer.

Kathy Verch Murphy '82, and her husband Chris happily welcomed Beth and Carolyn, their second set of twin girls, on August 23, 1989. Kathy is in her seventh year on staff as a nurse-midwife at North Central Bronx Hospital in New York City.

Carmon Jalena Davis '83, graduated from the Harvard Medical School in June. She has begun a Pediatric residency at The Children's Hospital in Boston, MA and is living in Cambridge. She sends "a warm hello to all my classmates" and asks that they keep in touch.

Cathie Fuller Miller '87, a nurse-midwife at the Childbirth Center at Griffin Hospital, was recently the

subject of a series of news releases in Derby, CT. Cathie discussed the history and current educational requirements for midwives. She also answered questions to increase the public's understanding of the role and the patient-family benefits of midwifery practice.

Kerry Hartnett '88, married Michael Richardson of Hingham, MA in October, 1989. She passed the ANA certification as an Adult Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and continues to work as a Psychiatric Nurse Manager at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, MA.

Ann Low '88, OCN, Oncology Nurse Specialist at Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, MA, is the President of the newly chartered 135th Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. The chapter was named the Western MA Chapter of ONS at the May 1990 ONS Congress in Washington, D.C.

M. Patricia Fish '89, has been named Intake Coordinator at the Institute of Living. In this position she is responsible for all outpatient services including the Multi-Specialty Center which specializes in the treatment of affective disorders, eating disorders, and anxiety and phobic disorders.

Wendy Luca '89, joined the Meriden Visiting Nurse and Home Care Association as a Psychiatric Nurse Clinician. This position is funded by a CT grant to serve the chronically mentally ill population in Meriden. Wendy is involved in a variety of di-

rect and indirect care roles including participation on a CVH Task Force to place difficult clients in the community.

Noel Werle '89, and **Karen Mullaney '89** accepted positions as Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists in the Outpatient Psychiatry Department at Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT.

Ann Kurth '90, and **Margaret Hutchison '90**, were the recipients of the Certificate of Award for Best Scientific Paper at the 35th Annual Convention of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. The May presentations were made in recognition of achievement and contributions to nurse-midwifery education and practice through research.

Debbie Price '90, delivered a beautiful baby girl, Erin Stuart, on May 26 and she is now working in Arizona with the U.S. Public Health Service.



Elizabeth Barnett '48 receiving the Long Service Award from Yale President Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. for her 25 years of service to Yale School of Nursing. The Awards ceremony was held in the Presidents' Room at Woolsey Hall on April 18.

IN MEMORIAM

Christina Malcolm, '33 died in March 1989

Iva Stebbins Kneisly, '33 died in June 1990

Joan Doherty Zellers, '45W

Mary E. Kopenhaver, '46 died in April 1990

Pearl Ryshpan Walerstein, '46 died in April 1990

Interested in Hosting an Alum Get-together?

One of Judy Krauss's main priorities for her next term as Dean is to travel around the country to meet with YSN alumnae/i both formally and informally in an effort to maintain ties to the YSN Community and to keep our alums current on the new and exciting changes that are always taking place here in New Haven.

If you would like to host an event — perhaps a reception, small cocktail party, informal supper — at a local Yale Club or in your home, please fill in the information below and return the page to Barbara Reif, Director of Student and Alumnae/i Affairs. She will be happy to contact you to make the necessary arrangements. You may even have another idea about a different kind of get-together that might appeal to the alums in your area. Barb would be happy to help with any plans or arrangements that may be required.

Alumnae/i play a very special and important role in shaping the future of YSN, as well as maintaining the valued traditions of the past. Please think seriously about lending your support and enthusiasm to Judy's goal of ongoing personal contact by hosting an opportunity for her to share her plans and goals for the next five years with you.

☐ **I would be interested in hosting a YSN alumnae/i event.**

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